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NOTE FOR: DD/Security

FROM:

SUBJECT: Upgrading DIS Reinvestigations

1. Your request to address the upgrading of DIS Reinvestigations as an agenda item on 11 April arrived after the agenda was sent out. I suggest it be brought up by you under New Business.

2. For your background and consideration:

- * As part of the APEX exercise, headed a group that priced upgrading DIS investigations at \$150 million and 8 years (roughly). This review brought attention to the RIP program for SCIs. DIS was represented by Admiral Murphy's office, Undersecretary of Defense for Policy. They came on very strong with the idea that they were meeting DCID 1/14 minimum requirements for reinvestigation but only by the skin of their budget and resources. There was no way they could see doing more.
- * While there is a large SCI population now, I really think it will increase considerably (rather than decrease) when APEX is adopted. Reasons: The DCI will allow SIO's to set their own limit on how many people will need access; and there is a considerable backlog already built up as a result of the DCI freeze last year on additional access approvals. This will result in almost a tidal wave of requests for investigations. There is a strong possibility that people will have to lower their Reinvestigation objectives. (CIA will not be affected as much as DIS.)

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- * The SECOM is now conducting a review of the investigation procedures for DCID 1/14 level cases. Going much slower than expected because of other pressures on Dave McCabe at State, we hope to have figure crunching done by the middle of April and data analysis completed by the end of April. Tentative indications are that (CIA's) DCID 1/14 requirement for 15-year BI will be demonstrably modifiable downward without detriment to results. The next step will be to revise DCID 1/14 to reflect indicated advantages and potential saving in manpower efforts. The review will also have application to the reinvestigation program and reinvestigation standards and coverage requirements could logically be incorporated in the subsequent revision of 1/14. But this is not now a specific task to the Working Group.

3. As a suggestion, you might consider presenting the proposal to upgrade the DIS reinvestigations at the 11 April meeting slightly differently than set forth in the paper. Rather than propose to the Committee that a separate exercise be initiated to review the reinvestigation of DCID 1/14, propose that the review being conducted by the Investigative Standards Working Group incorporate as a specific task, either separately reportable or uniquely identified in the final report, a review of the reinvestigation requirements. Since, to carry any weight, the cost figures to any recommendation must accompany the submission, ask that these too be incorporated. I'm sure the proposal will be adopted by the Committee and the extra task will be immediately related to the Working Group by me. If you adopt this suggestion, I've attached a note, as an aide memoir for your use at the meeting.

4. Once the task has been levied and review of McCabe's data begins, it will be necessary to have a strong CIA representation to make sure that the Agency position on this issue is clearly set forth and equities and community advantages are laid out. This indicates that the CIA rep had best have full knowledge of the proposal you have in hand and that he coordinates fully within CIA--not just with PSI/OS. To cover this, I suggest a memo from you to the CIA rep on the Working Group instructing him to make sure he stays in touch with the authors of the proposal to upgrade DIS's RIP. It was

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[redacted] I don't know how it is to
be when the group starts the latest round of meetings, but
I've attached a draft in blind for your consideration. I'll
find out who to send it to.

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The CIA member refers to the tasking of the Investigation Standards Working Group to review the DCID 1/14 requirements.

As part of that tasking I would like to propose that the Working Group look into the advantages and costs of upgrading the minimum requirements for reinvestigations.

Specifically, I would like to propose that the reinvestigation requirements be upgraded to provide in addition to NAC's and Local Area Checks, interviews of references and neighborhood sources; and propose that the data accumulated by the Working Group be viewed as to whatever advantages might be gained by upgradings in these areas; and that the results of this aspect of the data review be reported specifically in the overall report to the Committee. Should there be advantages, I request that they be used as the foundation for recommendations related to changes in the revision of DCID 1/14.